

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club

President Bill McMaster VY2WM	Vice-President Joel MacNeill VY2KW	Secretary Treasurer Charles Easter VY2CE
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Minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting.

President Bill McMaster called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Members present were:

Bill McMaster VY2WM	Charles Easter VY2CE
Joel MacNeill VY2KW	Richard Burke VY2RB
Brent Taylor VY2HF	Dave Cosh VY2DAC
Reg Sharkley VY2REG	Darrell MacArthur VY2OM
Jun Domenden VY2SPD	William Caw VY2CAW
Ron MacKay VE1AIC	Therese Mair VY2TAM
Sterling Carr VY2SEC	Tyler MacNeill VY2TM

Regrets were received from Bill Glydon VY2LI and Micah Gallant VY2MIC
Also by remote attendance: Micah Gallant VY2MIC
And Guest Devin Garlick VY2DFG

Bill WM asked if there was any knowledge of an amateur sick or silent key.
It was noted the David Hunter VY2AC is a silent key.

Announcements:

The Summerside Amateur Radio club is having a demonstration of amateur on Sunday August 8 between 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm at the SuperStore parking lot. They will be active on 2 meters.

Devin Gralick VY2DFG on behalf of 327 Southern Kings Squadron air cadets made a donation of \$140 to the CARC.

Minutes of June 15, 2021 had been circulated to all members and no errors or emissions noted. It was moved by Charles, seconded by Brent that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Business arising from minutes:

Bill read a letter from ISED that was replying to our letter about commercial fishermen illegally using two meter frequencies.

Bill asked what we thought about moving the time for the two meter breakfast to 9:00 AM.

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Presidents report.

Bill VY2WM

Bill stated that the items he normally reported on will come up on the committee reports and today' meeting will focus on Field day actives.

Financial Report:

Charles reported that there was one member had renewed his membership for 2021 and he has not received any requests for funds to pay Field Day expenses.

Club Repeater site:

Dave VY2DAC gave an update on the discussions with the Charlottetown Water utility on the progress on the radio tower at the site in Winsloe. The base is in and the tower he thinks the tower is here and should be up in the next 30 days.

Emergency Preparedness:

Brent advised that he had a email from Tanya Mullally stating that there is online training courses now available. Courses are free but you must register with EMO. William spoke on how EMO views the amateur radio world. After discussion it was agreed that there seems to be no interest by EMO in using amateur radio. William spoke about using Winklink and that it is the way of the future.

Correspondence:

Bill read a letter from Hamshack.ca which spoke on setting up a Club Listing Repository. Members that it could be a good idea but it would need to be updated on a regulator basis.

Field Day review:

Darrel stated some problems but that is why we have field day. Darrel thanks everyone for the help on setting up and tear down on Sunday.

The report on how many points we earned should be out by November.

Bill WM thanked Therese for all the food she donated and Ron AIC for the photos and drone videos.

William spoke on need for signage.

Although no one got hurt it was suggested that there is a need for a Safety Officer at our next Field Day.

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Bill WM spoke on why Brent was able to get use of the Southport room in the Stratford town hall for our monthly meetings.

Fall activities:

Some of the fall activities that were considered are having a radio fox hunt.

Have a flea market, maybe with the Summerside club.

Have a course for persons wanting to get a amateur radio license.

Brent volunteered to help with putting on a course.

William spoke on having a "Elmer" to help him get his license and thinks it would be nice if some of our club members "Elmer" the new Hams.

We had discussion on activation of parks and of light houses.

Bill WM asked if anyone was interested in having a CW course just to improve our CW operating skills.

Richard VY2RB adjourned the meeting 8:30 PM.

Bill McMaster VY2WM

Charles Easter VY2CE